

Surprising
PROPHETS

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.



Hymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time, we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

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There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

July 3, 2022

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

Chimes Concert at 10:00 am from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 30

Let us sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

God does not abandon us in our distress.

God's healing presence restores us to life.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing;

God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, and not be silent.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

***Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and loving God,
we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—
the freedom to worship you without fear,
the bounty and diversity of your creation,
and the precious gift of unexpected joy.**

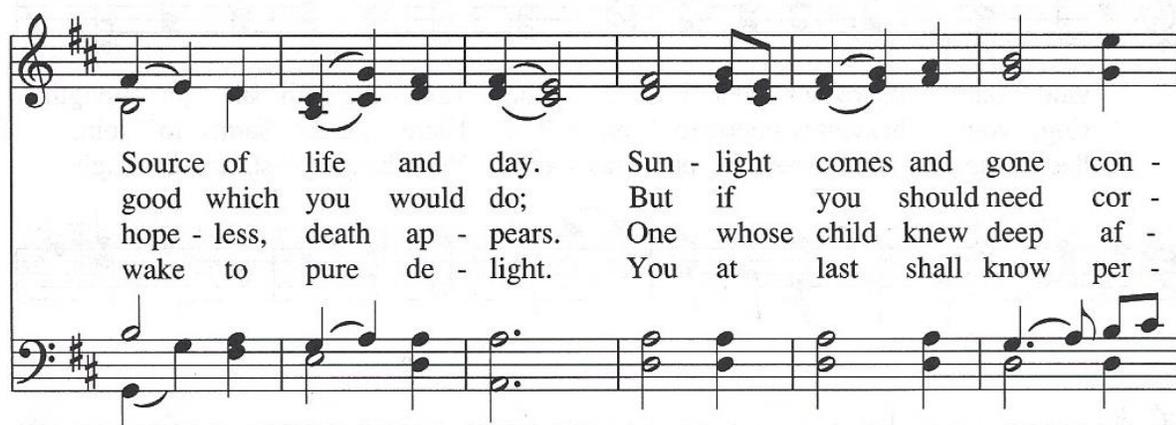
**As we draw near to you this hour,
may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence.**

**Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers
in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy.**

We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ, Amen.



1 Wake, my soul, with all things liv - ing, thanks be giv - ing to the
2 All your hope - ful plans con - fess - ing, ask for bless - ing on that
3 Cry for help, when griefs as - sail you, good friends fail you, life is
4 Af - ter one last night of weep - ing, one last sleep - ing, you shall



Source of life and day. Sun - light comes and gone con -
good which you would do; But if you should need cor -
hope - less, death ap - pears. One whose child knew deep af -
wake to pure de - light. You at last shall know per -



fu - sion, night's il - lu - sion, like the star - light, fades a - way.
rec - tion, ask di - rec - tion, pray for pur - pose, clear and new.
flic - tion, cru - ci - fix - ion, ev - er waits to dry your tears.
fec - tion, pure af - fec - tion, bathed in God's own morn - ing light.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thought for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Scripture

Galatians 6:1-16

NT page 191

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

NT page 71

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Morning Prayers

Sharing Our Stories

Kim Sexton

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Organ Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing be a sign of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Communion Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

#336

stanzas 1, 2, 5

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here share the cup, the gra - cious gift of heaven;
this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread a - new;
the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
an - oth - er strength than yours to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
This joy - ful feast con - firms that you are here,
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
the brief, bright hour to - geth - er here with you.
now and for - ev - er, as our shield and sun.
our faith is in your might, your might a - lone.

– ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION –

Prayer

When we are travelling,

God is with us.

When we are alone,

God comes to us.

When we feel weak and unsure,

God offers us food for the journey.

Loving God, you who always provide for us and nurture us:
we give you thanks for the many ways we experience your presence with us.
From the beginning of time you have sustained your people with love and
care, with compassionate healing, with promises of new and everlasting love.

Regardless of the things we have done, you still love us. You offer us
unconditional and everlasting love, strength for our journey.

In a time of oppression, you sent Jesus into our world, to proclaim in word
and deed your love for all people. Even when the world tried to silence that
message, still you declared it would sound through eternity. And so, as Easter
people, we gather at this table to have our spirits renewed, our hearts
strengthened, our longings fed.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*All who desire the Sacrament, including children, are invited to come
forward at the direction of the deacons. You may kneel or stand to receive
the elements. Consume the bread and drink from the cup as it is given to
you, and hand your empty cup to one of the ushers, as you return to your
seat by way of the side aisles.*

*Please use the quiet time before and after you commune for private prayers,
for your own needs and for the needs of others.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**¹O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!**

America! America!

**God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with
brotherhood**

From sea to shining sea!

**²O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!**

America! America!

**God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!**

**³O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country
loved**

And mercy more than life!

America! America!

**May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!**

**⁴O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!**

America! America!

**God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with
brotherhood**

From sea to shining sea!

**⁵Indigenous and immigrant,
Our daughters and our sons:
O may we never rest content
Till all are truly one.**

America! America!

**God grant that we may be
A sisterhood and brotherhood'
From sea to shining sea.**

**⁶How beautiful, sincere lament,
The wisdom born of tears,
The courage called for to repent
The bloodshed through the years.**

America! America!

**God grant that we may be
A nation blessed with none
oppressed,
True land of liberty.**

***Benediction**

Go forth from this place refreshed and empowered to do the ministry to which God calls you: Travel lightly, for you carry within you all that you need. Notice God's presence in simple, everyday experiences. Whenever opportunity arises, labor for the good of all. And the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life-Giver go with you today and always.
Amen.

***Threefold Amen**

#812

A musical score for a threefold amen. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men." The first staff has a long note on the word "men." in the final measure, which is held over into the second staff. There are large curved lines above the notes in the final measures of both staves, possibly indicating a fermata or a specific performance instruction.

Postlude (*please be seated*)

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Heather A. Moody, Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Poughkeepsie, NY.

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by Rob McGuire and Alex Martinez in honor of their recent wedding.

The yellow rose bud is presented by Kate McDermott in honor of Capt. James Greene, U.S. Army, 5th Special Forces Group, currently serving at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Attendance Last Sunday: 14 at 8:30 am, 117 at 10:30 am, and 67 online.

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Worship
Live



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Today: July 3, 2022

Liturgist: Bob Manthey
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Elder: Starr Schaeberle
Greeters: Anne Hoffman, Sandy Gray
Danielle Carbone
Welcome: Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Jeff Baker
Ethan Kline
Fellowship: Peter Brehm, Susan Kulp,
Allen and Joan Maples

Chimers: *Saturday:* Dick Williams
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: July 10, 2022

Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Marc Kline
Eliza Stitely, Cathie Duncan,
Jo Ann Fritz
Jeanellen Kellevang
Kelly Esslinger, Larry Martin,
Jeff Schaeberle
Bettie Crutchley,
Kathy & Bill Gourlie,
Drew Jones, Cathie Alschuler
Tricia Coffey
Tricia Coffey

FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for fellowship in the Community Room after worship to chat with friends, welcome our visitors, and enjoy a time of refreshment.

The Community Room, located on the 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week

In Luke 10:1–11, 16–20, Jesus sends out 70 followers, perhaps recalling the story of Moses choosing 70 elders in Numbers 11:16. Jesus tells them how to behave as they spread the gospel to other towns. God reaches out to all people with a message of peace. In Galatians 6:1–16, Paul speaks to the Galatians about the importance of caring for others, especially those within the family of faith. We are to bear one another's burdens.

Communion will be served at the chancel rail this morning.

Hospital and Prayer List – Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Pat Hevner, David Cooney, Jeannette Johnson, Barbara Rhoads, Starr Schaeberle, Nancy Tordoff (mother of Kim Sexton), Mike Farner (friend of Darryl Glick and Mark Ulrich), Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby), Tamara Tamas, Patti Patterson, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, Paige Coffey, Jane Doll, Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone, Peggy Githerman, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, James “Jimmy” Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

STAY INFORMED

Read our Trinity Chimes monthly newsletter for more information about ERUCC activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the Trinity Chimes in the back of the sanctuary and online at bit.ly/June22Chimes.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

BIBLE STUDY CLASS with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg

This class will be on hiatus in July.

LET'S TALK

Liz Coffey Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

Today: Generations! Dawn Lagrotteria will lead in an exploration of differences across generations. Why do differences exist and what can we do about it? The focus will be on traditionalists, baby boomers, generation X, and millennials.

Next Week: Frederick First Responders! Regardless of the emergency, we rely on first responders to be there when we need them. Sean Sexton will share information about becoming a first responder, what the job entails and what led him to choose a life of community service. Maybe we will even get to see some cool gear!

This Week at ERUCC

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY TODAY

Mortgage Assistance: On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000 per year.

CURIOUS IGUANA EVENT

Thursday, July 7

Community Room

7:00 pm

Join Curious Iguana as they welcome D. Watkins back to Frederick. D. will discuss his newest book *Black Boy Smile*, a story of a Black boy who healed. This is a story not just for boys, but challenges anyone to reflect on the rippling effects of toxic masculinity on ourselves, our families, our peers, and ultimately our society. It is a story that rewrites the generalized notions of black male youth and presents it with the universal expression of a smile.

D. Watkins is the *New York Times* bestselling author of four books. He is Editor-at-Large for *Salon*. His work has been published in the *New York Times*, *New York Times Magazine*, *The Guardian*, *Rolling Stone*, and other publications. Watkins is a writer for the HBO series *We Own This City*. He is a college lecturer at the University of Baltimore and is the recipient of numerous literary awards. He lives in Baltimore, MD with his wife and daughter.

This event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Upcoming at ERUCC

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Select dates through August 6

8:00 – 10:00 am

Our Green Team is offering the opportunity to work in the Community Garden near the Frederick News Post building on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. This is a great way to get some fresh air and exercise, enjoy the company of other volunteers, and help get food to folks in our community who need access to fresh vegetables.

Sign up: bit.ly/3LtuBBc

GOD'S KIDS CLUB – TOUR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monday, July 11

Braddock Heights FD

10:00 am

Sean Sexton and other Fire Fighters give us a tour of the Braddock Heights Fire Department, 6715 Jefferson Blvd., Frederick, MD 21703. Transportation on own.

Please sign up so we know how many to plan for: bit.ly/3NUjUcp

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LISTENING SESSIONS

As Kim Sexton's ministry with us as Associate Minister for Children's Ministries concludes, it is important for our congregation to take time to reflect on what we should start, stop, and continue as it relates to what and how we are sharing in our ministry with children and their families.

With thanks for his help, David Cooney has agreed to facilitate three Listening Sessions on this. The schedule is:

Tuesday, July 12	Zoom	6:00 pm
Sunday, July 17	Community Room, <i>babysitting provided</i>	during Fellowship
Wednesday, July 20	Community Room, <i>babysitting provided</i>	6:00 pm

GREEN TEAM – WATERWAY CLEANUP

Saturday, July 16

Pinecliff Park

9:00 – 11:00 am

Did you know that the Monocacy River is Maryland's largest tributary of the Potomac River? Now's your chance to do your part on behalf of our beloved Monocacy, the Potomac, and the Chesapeake Bay beyond. Green team member Scott Harris is a volunteer team lead with the Potomac Conservancy, hosting waterway cleanups throughout the Potomac watershed. Now, for the first time, the Conservancy will have a cleanup here in Frederick County! Sign up below to join us July 16 at Pinecliff Park in Frederick from 9-11 am. A good turnout will help convince them to do more cleanups here in the future! Sign up: tinyurl.com/5cwbyh4f

WELCOME DINNER DONATIONS

On July 19, we will be welcoming our German friends and youth. Please consider donating towards a light meal in our Community Room. Donations welcome and labeled “7/19/22 Welcome Dinner” in the kitchen. For questions, contact Julie Clark, Jclarkad@yahoo.com.

Donation sign up: bit.ly/july19meal

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 26

Contact Pam Shepp for more information

Liz Coffey Room / Zoom

7:00 pm

Heartseeker by Melinda Beatty

Read a book synopsis in the June edition of Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/June22Chimes.

ALL-AMERICAN THANKSGIVING WITH OUR GERMAN GUESTS

Sunday, July 31

Community Room

during Fellowship

Help us say goodbye to our German guests with an All-American Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, July 31, during fellowship. We will take care of the turkey/tofurkey, gravy and mashed potatoes.

Bring one or more of your family’s traditional sides or desserts to share. Please bring an index card listing all ingredients. Potluck sign up: bit.ly/0731food

Can you help by setting up, serving, or cleaning up? bit.ly/0731help

SAVE THE DATE – WOMEN’S RETREAT

Saturday, October 29

Community Room

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

One day women’s retreat on October 29 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm in the Community Room. Please direct any questions to Starr Schaeberle.

Additional Announcements

SUMMER COINS FOR A CAUSE

The Coins for a Cause collection through August will be shared with The Frederick Center, a 501c3 organization that serves the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities. Since its inception in 2012, The Frederick Center has grown into a well-respected organization advocating and supporting our community which now proudly bolsters over 500 program events each year. They are leaders in advocacy and education. They have an HIV test kit distribution program, and over eight support groups open to the public.

Coins for A Cause is a program of ERUCC's Mission and Social Action Committee to support organizations that make a difference locally that are not supported in our annual budget. Donations can be placed in the jars at the back of the sanctuary near the collection plates.

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

November 12-19

ERUCC members and friends will be traveling to Kentucky to work with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders, a 501(c)(3) Christian organization dedicated to serving the victims of major disasters in the United States. Their clients, homeowners, are low-income and underinsured.

On December 10th, 2021, Kentucky was hit by record-setting, catastrophic tornadoes. A "long-track" twister was on the ground for almost 200 miles and hit 11 counties, including the small towns of Dawson Springs and Bremen. The Fuller Center is partnering with First Christian Church of Madisonville, centrally located between Dawson Springs and Bremen, to house volunteers and begin rebuilding these communities.

We will be leaving on Saturday, November 12 to drive to Kentucky to enjoy a free evening and Sunday prior to starting work on Monday, November 14. Please contact Keith Stickle, keith.stickle@montgomerycountymd.gov, or Pastor Daniel, bkdaniel@erucc.org, for more information if you are interested in going. While construction related skills are welcome, we need all kinds of skills to make the trip work so do not hesitate to consider this opportunity.

Opportunities to Use Your Gifts at ERUCC

Prayerfully consider how your talents, skills, and passions can be a blessing to ERUCC's mission and ministry. Where is God calling you to use your gifts at ERUCC? Your willingness to share your gifts and time will make ERUCC a stronger and more faithful church.

While many opportunities exist or await your spark of initiation, below are some ongoing areas of ministry for you to consider supporting:

FELLOWSHIP

Consider helping with Fellowship! It's a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, births, or baptisms with your church family. We all want to celebrate your joy. Helping with fellowship can be as easy as helping set up before worship, helping to serve during Fellowship after service, or bringing a special treat to share.

Contact Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle, or sign up to share your gifts of hospitality at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship.

EVENT HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT



Please consider giving your time as we extend ERUCC's hospitality to the community of people using our spaces for their milestone life events, business meetings, and community gatherings. In supporting at these events, you are helping to fulfill our mission to do good work in Frederick and beyond. Many opportunities to serve in this ministry may only involve a few hours of your time and are often very fulfilling to support.

To help with upcoming events, contact Pastor Daniel or the church office, 301.662.2762, events@erucc.org, or sign up on the bulletin board or online: bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help.

Surprising Prophets

*This is my song, O God of all the nations
 A song of peace for lands afar and mine
 This is my home, the country where my heart is
 Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine
 But other hearts in other lands are beating
 With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

Of all the interesting characters we find in the busy book of Kings, Naaman is perhaps the most relatable to modern people. Mostly, his life is pretty good. He is successful at his career. He's well-regarded by his peers. He has enough money to be more or less comfortable. He just has this one irritating problem - a skin ailment that will not leave him be.

When he finds out that a healer in a neighboring country might be able to help him, he's able to wield his influence and power to find a way there. When he reaches the healer's house, he is not welcomed in, as he would have expected after a long journey. Instead, he's instructed by a servant to go bathe in the nearby Jordan River.

Insulted, he stomps off. Again, relatable. You can just imagine him fuming that he had paid the guy, and he didn't even get a meeting. And what kind of river was the Jordan anyway? The rivers in Naaman's own country were much more impressive.

When Naaman decides to fill the healer's frustrating prescription, he is cured of more than his physical ailment. Perhaps even more importantly, he is relieved of his prideful nationalism, the belief that they do things best back where he's from.

Today is the day before American Independence Day, and many of us will raise our voices in songs of praise for our own nation's majesty and beauty. Today might also be a day to turn to page 591 in *The New Century Hymnal*, to give voice to the humility, curiosity, and generosity that is the path to knowing, like Naaman, that unthinking nationalism is never going to be what heals. What heals is curiosity and respect for all people.

*Stone, Lloyd. "This is my song." *The Hymnal* © 1933, *The New Century Hymnal* © 1993., p. 591



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